

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6  
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PRODUCTION OF APPLES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the quantity and the name of the States where apples were produced in the country during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether the production of apple is decreasing in the largest apple producing State; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government to increase apple production?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The State-wise available information on production of apples in India during the last three years is given in Annexure-I.

(b)&(c): The largest apple producing State is Jammu & Kashmir. Although the production of apple in Jammu & Kashmir decreased during 2000-01 as compared to 1999-2000, there is no sign of consistent decrease. The Government is providing support for development of fruits including apples under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture – Supplementation/Complementation of State Efforts through Work Plans with effect from October, 2000. Under this, the State Governments have been given the freedom to take up programmes as per their felt needs and priority.

**ANNEXURE-I**

**STATE-WISE AREA & PRODUCTION OF APPLE IN INDIA**

Production (000` MT)

State/UT    1998-99    1999-2000    2000-01

|                       |        |        |        |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Arunachal Pradesh     | 16.0   | 8.5    | 8.5    |
| Himachal Pradesh      | 393.6  | 49.1   | 376.7  |
| Jammu & Kashmir       | 791.6  | 929.0  | 751.3  |
| UP (Hills) Uttranchal | 178.9  | 60.5   | 89.7   |
| Others                | 0.3    | 0.3    | 0.4    |
| Total                 | 1380.4 | 1047.4 | 1226.6 |